

***Goodwin Elementary
Announcements & Events
Notices for 11/23/16***

- ***Thanksgiving Holiday Message from Susan***
- ***Automated Calling System Information for Weather Related Early Closing Days/Emergency Closings***
- ***Recess Attire for Cold Weather***
- ***Lost & Found***
- ***Project RECESS Parental Notification Form for Participation in a Research Study***

- ***Winter Welcome at Storrs Center Saturday,
December 2:00-5:00pm***
- ***PJ Day Friday, December 9, 2016***



Dear Families of Goodwin Community:

I wanted to take this moment to wish you the very best over this Thanksgiving holiday weekend. I am grateful to be the Principal of such an outstanding school. I want to thank all of our families who have taken on the job of being so engaged in their child's education. Parents, grandparents, and loved ones your support is immeasurable.

This is the time of year when we stop and reflect about all that we have. Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, "In ordinary life we hardly realize that we receive a great deal more than we give, and that it is only with gratitude that life becomes rich." We, the Goodwin teachers and staff are so grateful for all that we are given through your support and the gifts of your children each and every day.

At this time, when you gather around the table with family and friends, I hope that you share happy thoughts, optimistic plans and dreams, and reflect on the wonderful times that you have spent together.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Susan D.P. Muirhead". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Susan D.P. Muirhead



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November 23, 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As the winter weather approaches we are reminded that New England experiences all kinds of weather situations, some of which require that we alter our school or bus schedules. These decisions are made after consultation with our town Public Works staff and others. When making decisions to alter our schedule, consideration must be given to road conditions or other factors (such as weather related damage and power outages) throughout the community. There will be times when we will have to delay the opening of school, cancel classes, or dismiss students early. We understand that these decisions can cause inconvenience and create a challenge for families. Each decision is made for the safety of children. You are also encouraged to make your own assessment of weather and other conditions and keep your child home if you feel it might be too dangerous.

Decisions to alter the schedule are often made before 5:30 a.m. but changing weather conditions can cause us to make a call at any time. We use an automated calling system to alert you of these decisions. A recorded phone message is sent to your home and cell phones along with an e-mail message using the parent phone numbers on file with your child's school. In addition, we can send a SMS text message to the cell phone contact on record in the school office. In order to receive the SMS text message, you need to "opt-in". The process is simple and only takes a few seconds to complete. Simply send a text to **68453** from your cell phone(s) with the word "yes". If you do not opt-in, you will not receive the SMS text message. **We highly encourage you to complete this process.**

When the school start time is delayed it will be delayed by 90 minutes. Arrive at bus stops 90 minutes later than your regular time and please remind your child to dress appropriately for the weather conditions as buses may be delayed due to poor conditions. Early closings will result in schools closing 2 hours and 45 minutes earlier than the regular dismissal time. Please be sure that you have made arrangements for your child if you are not home during the day. A schedule of delayed opening and early closing times has been included on the next page.

Sincerely,

Kelly M. Lyman

EARLY-CLOSING DAYS / EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

HOURS—REGULAR SCHOOL DAY	
Grades K-4	School starts - 8:55 AM; School ends - 3:30 PM
Morning Preschool & Half-Day Kindergarten	Session starts - 8:55 AM; Session ends - 11:45 AM
Afternoon Preschool	Session starts - 12:50 PM; Session ends - 3:30 PM
Grades 5-8	School starts - 8:05 AM; School ends - 2:50 PM

90-MINUTE DELAYED OPENING*	
Grades K-4	School starts – 10:30 AM; School ends – 3:30 PM
Morning Preschool & Half-Day Kindergarten	CANCELLED
Afternoon Preschool	Session starts - 12:50 PM; Session ends - 3:30 PM
Grades 5-8	School starts – 9:35 AM; School ends - 2:50 PM

EMERGENCY EARLY CLOSING OF SCHOOL	
Grades K-4	School dismisses – 12:45 PM
Morning Preschool & Half-Day Kindergarten	School day extended, dismisses – 12:45 PM <i>Note: Lunch will be provided</i>
Afternoon Preschool	CANCELLED
Grades 5-8	School dismisses – 12:05 PM

For information regarding school closing due to inclement weather or other emergencies, tune in to one of the following radio or television stations:

Radio: WILI 1400 AM & 98.3 FM, WTIC 1080 AM, WTIC FM 96.5, WRCH FM 100.5, WZMX FM 93.7

Television: WFSB (3), WVIT (30), WTIC (6), WTNH (8)

***School Messenger* recorded phone messages will announce school closings or other emergencies. Information is also available via a message on your school's main phone number.**

****Stay tuned. If weather conditions deteriorate, a delay could become a full-day cancellation.***



RECESS FOR STUDENTS

Students Need Outdoor Attire.

It is very important that your child brings a **coat, hat** and **gloves/mittens** from home to wear outside for recess. **Please check that your child has these items daily.**

Students need snow pants and boots to be able to sled or play in the snow. Otherwise they need to stay on the blacktop.

Please remember that all students will be going outside for a 30 minute recess every day. Outdoor recess will be held with temperatures at 15 degrees or above with wind chill.

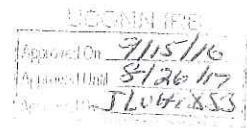
*Students may keep extra items – change of socks, pants etc. in their locker and may leave their snow pants at school for the week.

*please write your child's name on the clothing tags so they do not get misplaced

LOST AND FOUND

Our Lost and Found shelf is filling up with sweatshirts, jackets and shirts. Items that are not claimed will eventually be donated to a shelter. Please be sure to check out the yellow Lost and Found shelf in the hallway to claim your missing items.

Please remember to write your child's name on the tags inside their jackets, sweatshirts, boots, mittens, snow pants, lunch boxes etc.



Parental Notification Form for Participation in a Research Study



Principal Investigator: Brandi Simonsen, Ph.D.

Student Investigator: Laura Kern, JD

Study Title: Project RECESS: Restructuring Environmental Contingencies and Enhancing Self-Managed Supervision

Your son or daughter participates in a recess period that might have been selected as a setting for a research study being conducted by Dr. Brandi Simonsen, her student, Laura Kern, and their colleagues from the University of Connecticut's Neag School of Education as part of a dissertation study for completion of a PhD.

Researchers might be working with your child's recess supervisor to observe how s/he uses active supervision (e.g., moving around, scanning or looking around, and interacting with students) during recess. Your child may be observed or their voice might be recorded during this process, but the focus of the research is the recess supervisor, not the students. Any audio recordings will not have identifying student information and will be deleted ideally within 48 hours, but not longer than 5 days after the observation. Your child does not need to have any interaction with the researchers, and the observations will be done in such a way that it will not interrupt normal recess activities. Researchers will not know the identities of any students.

We will be happy to answer any question you have about this study. If you have further questions about this project or if you have a research-related problem, you may contact the principal investigator, Brandi Simonsen (brandi.simonsen@uconn.edu or 860-487-2763), or, the student investigator, Laura Kern, (laura.kern@uconn.edu or 203-556-4608). If you have any questions concerning your child's rights as a research participant, you may contact the University of Connecticut Institutional Review Board (IRB) at 860-486-8802.



SATURDAY, DEC. 3
2.00-5.00 PM

**JOIN THE MANSFIELD DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP
FOR AN AFTERNOON OF WINTER FUN!**



**STROLLING CAROLERS &
MUSICIANS**

VISIT WITH SANTA CLAUS

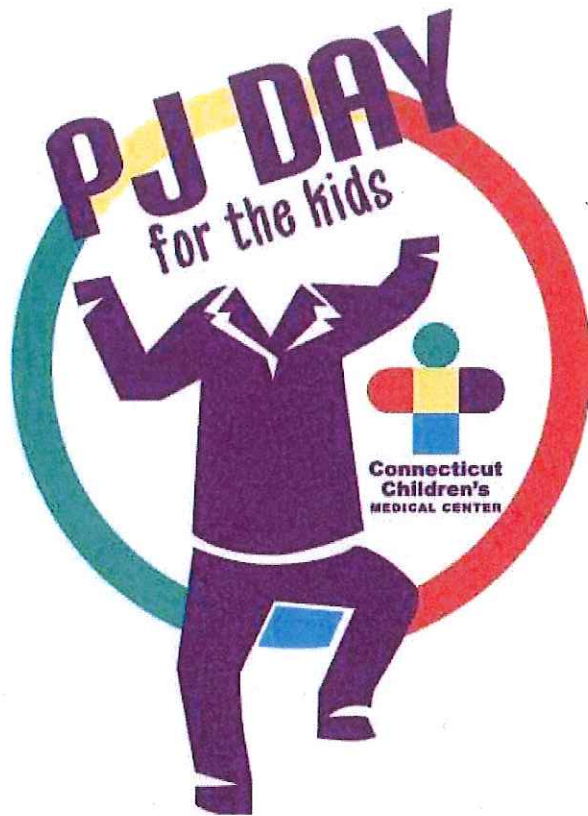
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- FOOD & GIFT VENDORS
- ICE SCULPTURE DEMOS
- FUN ACTIVITIES

**TREATS, SALES, & SPECIALS AT
PARTICIPATING DOWNTOWN
BUSINESSES**

**COMMUNITY SING-ALONG LED
BY E. O. SMITH HIGH SCHOOL
CHAMBER CHOIR**

**FOR MORE INFO:
mansfieldct.gov/winterwelcome**



Goodwin School will join schools across CT on PJ Day December 9, 2016

Stand together with patients at Connecticut Children's Medical Center who wear their PJs for days, weeks or longer while fighting cancer and other illnesses

Suggested donation of \$1 or more in exchange for the privilege of wearing PJs to school! (Donations can be given to your teacher on PJ day!)

Help us Raise Funds and Spirits!

**Checks accepted and can be made out to Connecticut Children's Medical Center Foundation
All proceeds benefit the Division of Hematology and Oncology at
Connecticut Children's Medical Center**

For info or to donate online visit: www.pjday.kintera.org